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From: Jennifer Schultz - NOAA Federal
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 2:57 PM
To: GRANNIS, WILLIAM E GS-13 USAF AFCEC AFCEC/CFPE
Cc: JETER, JULIE D GS-12 USAF AFCEC AFCEC/CZTQ; Jennifer Schultz - NOAA Federal
Subject: Re: Andersen AFB and green turtle nesting

Hi Bill and Julie,

Thanks for your email! Yes, we at NMFS are conducting an economic analysis of our critical habitat designations. However, our process is slightly different than FWS, and we are slightly behind FWS. Here is a short summary of our plan and progress:

As you know, NMFS has jurisdiction over sea turtles when they are in the water. At present, we are in the process of identifying and mapping marine areas that contain features essential to green sea turtles. Once we have maps to share, we will review the INRMPs (thank you, for sending those!) for DoD installations that overlap with potential critical habitat. At that point, I will get back in touch with you to discuss those INRMPs. After our discussions on the INRMPs, we would ask you about national security impacts. If the designation of critical habitat may result in additional financial costs, our contractor (Industrial Economics) would also ask you about economic impacts.

We are going through this process for all 6 DPSs within US jurisdiction. I started with the South Pacific (American Samoa...I do not believe that we have any overlap with DoD installations there). Next, I will work on the East Pacific (i.e., California), which will be followed by the West Pacific (i.e., Guam and CNMI). I am hoping that we will be back in touch with you by the end of summer to discuss the Joint Region Marianas INRMP (and Andersen Green Sea Turtle Management Plan).

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Hope all is well with you!

Jenny

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On Wed, Jun 15, 2016 at 3:12 PM, GRANNIS, WILLIAM E GS-13 USAF AFCEC AFCEC/CFPE
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Jennifer,

Some of us Air Force folks in the Pacific recently received a request from the Pacific Islands USFWS office to provide input on probable impacts from designation of critical habitat for basking/nesting green sea for use in preparing an economic analysis. Is NOAA going through a similar process to prepare an economic analysis? Appreciate any updates on the process you are going through for the economic analysis and proposed rule and, if you can provide insight on areas you are considering for CH?

Respectfully,

Bill

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Hello,

My name is Ann Marie Lauritsen and I work for the Fish and Wildlife Service. Together with National Marine Fisheries Service, we are starting the critical habitat designation process for green sea turtles (we just proposed 11 DPSs for listing under the Endangered Species Act). Under the Endangered Species Act, the Services do not designate critical habitat on DoD areas where we conclude that an INRMP provides a benefit to the species.

(B)(i) The Secretary shall not designate as critical habitat any lands or other geographical areas owned or controlled by the Department of Defense, or designated for its use, that are subject to an integrated natural resources management plan prepared under section 101 of the Sikes Act (16 U.S.C. 670a), if the Secretary determines in writing that such plan provides a benefit to the species for which critical habitat is proposed for

designation (16 U.S.C. 1533(a)(3)(B)(i).

We have identified green turtle nesting beaches on Andersen AFB, Naval Base Guam, military leased lands on Tinian in CNMI, and Pacific Missile Range Facility in Hawaii as follows:

On CNMI: Military Leased Lands on Tinian: Chula, Babui, Lam Lam, Chigit, Dangkulo, Masalok Naval Base Guam- Dadi, Spanish Steps, Haputo Anderson Air Force Base- Terague Basin (Terague, Scout, Sirena, Pati, and EOD)
Kaua'i, Hawaii- Pacific Missile Range Facility

Attached is our recommendation for best management practices that may be incorporated in the INRMPs. These best management practices, when implemented, provide a benefit to nesting and basking green turtles. Please contact me to discuss the timing and specifics of incorporating these recommendations in the INRMPs prior to the proposed rule being published. Is there is anyone else in the Navy or AF that I need to contact on this request?

NOTE: The basking conditions will only be applicable for the Pacific Missile Range facility on Kaua'i.

I look forward to working with you,

Ann Marie

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Aloha Anne Marie,

For purposes of connecting you with the right folks, I have cc'd folks from Joint Region Marianas (JRM) and Andersen AFB (AAFB) regarding your below

query. Anne and Kevin work for JRM and Dana and Tom work on AAFB.

For your awareness, Kristen Rex supports Joel Helm, the Natural Resources Manager for the 611th out of Alaska, with responsibilities for Wake Island, Johnston Atoll, Kokee AFS and Kaala AFS on Oahu and some remote installations in Alaska. She does not have a role with natural resources on Guam.

Please let me know if you have any questions about AF installations (other than AAFB) in the Pacific.

Regards, Bill

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BG - here you are!

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Hello Julie and Kristen,

We have identified green turtle nesting beaches on Andersen AFB in Guam. Under the Endangered Species Act, the Services do not designate critical habitat on DoD areas where we conclude that an INRMP provides a benefit to the species. Will you let me know the Navy's POC for the revising and finalizing the INRMPS on these installations? The Service has recommendations for best management practices that may be incorporated in the INRMPS to provide a benefit to nesting green turtles. I would like to work with the POC to incorporate these recommendations in the INRMP.

Thank you for your help!

Ann Marie

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